

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffrey Sanok on 3/30/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

- In line 2 from the bottom of the abstract the phrase "fixing element" has been changed to --securing element--;
- In the title the phrase "Disc Brake, in Particular for Utility Vehicles" has been changed to --Disc Brake for Utility Vehicles--;
- In lines 1-2 of claim 14 the phrase "the securing clip" has been changed to --the at least one securing clip-- for consistency;
- In lines 1-2 of claim 15 the phrase "wherein two securing clips" has been changed to --wherein the at least one securing clip includes two securing clips that--;
- In the last line of claim 22 the phrase "the bore" has been changed to --the bore of the sliding bushing-- to clarify that it is the bore of the sliding bushing and not of the caliper;
- In line 2 from the bottom of claim 23 the phrase "the recess" has been changed to --the at least one recess-- for consistency;

- In lines 1-2 of claim 26 the phrase "wherein two securing clips" has been changed to --wherein the securing clip includes two securing clips that--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Examiner notes that JP'767 teaches the use of a securing element at the end of a caliper bore to retain a guide bar. Although the securing element is in the form of a securing clip similar in some respects to that of the instant invention, Examiner notes that nothing in the JP'767 would have taught one of ordinary skill in the art to have modified the sliding bushing 84 of DuCharme et al. to have included an end-mounted securing element, particularly, since the guide bar of DuCharme et al. extends beyond the end of the caliper bore (Examiner maintains that element 84 is disposed within a caliper bore since element 70 forms a part of the caliper by virtue of its integral connection with the caliper assembly 32 by way of elements 72 and 74). Examiner also agrees that the recess of JP'767 is not arranged within the bore such that it both axially and *rotationally* secures as does the recess of the instant invention. Accordingly, independent claims 12 and 23 are allowed. The remaining claims are allowed due to their dependence from one of claims 12 and 23.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Melody M. Burch whose telephone number is 571-272-7114. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (6:30 AM-3:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Siconolfi can be reached on 571-272-7124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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